

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action that was mailed on March 14, 2006. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in this application. Non-elected claims 6, 7, 9, 13, and 14 are cancelled, without prejudice to their reassertion in a continuing application. Claim 2 is amended to incorporate the features of claim 3, and claim 3 is accordingly cancelled, without prejudice. Claim 4 is amended to depend from composition claim 2. Claim 5 is rewritten in independent form. No new matter is introduced into the application by this Amendment. Claims 2, 4, and 5 remain pending in the application.

Claim 2 was rejected under 35 USC § 112 as failing to define the invention properly. The Examiner pointed out that claim 2 is a composition claim, and as such, claim 2 should recite components in addition to the compound component originally recited therein. Claim 2 has been amended to specify compositional components in addition to the basic compound component, thereby obviating this rejection.

Objection was raised to claims 3-5, as allegedly being improper dependent claims. Claim 3 has been cancelled, claim 4 has been amended to depend from composition claim 2, and claim 5 has been rewritten in independent form.

It is respectfully submitted that the present Amendment obviates all rejections and objections of record, and that claims 2, 4, and 5 presently before the Examiner are in condition

for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or comments, please contact Richard Gallagher, Registration No. 28,781 at the offices of Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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